



Shearwater Sailing Club Risk Assessment – Use of boats under power and boat launch / recovery

APPENDIX B

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Standing risk assessments prepared on behalf of the Committee of Shearwater sailing Club
 These assessments will be subject to ongoing review and amendment as required.

All members please be advised - S.S.C. is run by the members for the benefit of the members. We all have a responsibility for our own health and safety and the safety of others, particularly our junior members. It is the member’s responsibility to please follow the advice and guidance laid down in this risk assessment and not to engage in any activity that puts you or others at risk of injury.

Drowning or injury Resulting from falling overboard from safety boat.	Death – Low Injury - Medium	Safety boat crew	All crew to wear buoyancy aid. Two crew members unless conditions very calm. Only approved persons to operate club safety boats.	Crew to check safety boats for tripping and slipping hazards and rectify prior to use. Kill cord to be worn at all times.	Low
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Injury to other water users due to incompetent operation of boat under power	Death – Medium Injury - Medium	Sailors and safety boat crew	Only approved persons over the age of 18 years to operate club safety boats. An approved person will either hold RYA Power Boat level 2 qualification or have been assessed and approved as competent by the club committee.	Safety boat to be operated with care and consideration at all times.	Low
Injury from propeller upon falling overboard.	Death – Medium Serious injury - Medium	Safety boat crew	Kill cord use mandatory. Helm to activate kill cord if crew falls overboard. All crew to sit entirely within boat		Low
Injury to sailors or others in the water when safety boat providing assistance	Death – Medium Injury - Medium	Persons in the water	Kill cord to be activated when close up and dealing with persons in the water in line with good practice	Great care to be taken by helm. Maneuver slowly.	Low



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Injuries from boat to boat or boat to jetty contact	Crushed hands / legs etc. - Medium	Safety boat crew / sailors / jetty users	Person in charge of boat to ensure hands / legs etc inside boats when coming alongside	Safety boat to be operated with care and consideration at all times.	Low
Setting of race marks - Injuries to hands and risk of falling overboard when handling course buoys	Injured hands / back injuries / strains Low	Safety boat crew	Assistance with setting race marks to be obtained as required. Boat not to be moving when mark set. Marks to be lowered in to place.	Kill cord to be worn At all times. Gloves to be worn to guard against fishing hooks caught in mark chains etc.	Low
Failure of safety boat engine	Loss of safety boat cover resulting in exposure of dinghy sailors to risk Medium	Sailors	Second club safety boat to be brought in to operation. If two boats are required due to conditions OOD or person in charge to abandon or postpone event at their discretion	Safety boat engines to be serviced annually and maintained in good order. Paddle to be carried for self-recovery.	Low



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Loss of control on slipway when launching or recovering dinghies or safety boats	<p>Injury to self and others. Broken bones / bruising / cuts / strained backs etc.</p> <p>Medium</p>	Other slipway users, members of the public and those launching / recovering their boats	Person(s) launching / recovering to seek assistance as necessary with due regard to weight of boat. Non-slip footwear to be worn and extra care is to be taken if slipway is wet.	Club launching and recovery winch (under seating in clubhouse) to be used if required.	Low
Dinghy and safety boat launch trolleys on slipway and in adjacent grass storage areas causing tripping hazard	<p>Broken bones / cuts / bruising</p> <p>Low</p>	Sailors and all members of the public	Unattended trolleys not to be left on slipway (unless partly in the water) Trolleys to be left on adjacent grass areas as far as possible bunched together so as to be obvious to others.	Users to park trolleys so the minimum hazard possible is caused	Low



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Use of safety boats within boathouse – slips / trips etc.	Broken bones / bruising etc. Low	Safety boat users	Care to be taken on entering boathouse, raising security shutter and boarding / leaving safety boats. Potential tripping hazards to be kept to a minimum.	Buoyancy aids to be worn at all times within boathouse. Appropriate footwear to be worn.	Low